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MEMBER / OFFICER
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms available to the public as soon as possible after they are received. Obtain the dollar amounts from the sponsor; if exact dollar amounts are unavailable, provide a good faith estimate.

Name of Member or Officer (print or type): Rep. Dan Burton

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): Dr. Samia Burton

Relationship to Member/Officer: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

Date of Departure and Date of Return: April 2-8, 2012

Dates at personal expense: April 7-8, 2012

Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Washington, DC-Bahrain-Qatar-Washington, DC

Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Bahrain American Council

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Met with U.S. Ambassadors
in both countries, held high-level meetings with heads of State/Government to discuss bi-lateral relations,
visited the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, and spoke to the University of Bahrain about current events related to the Arab Spring.

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box):

1. ☒ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. ☒ the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the Member or officer; **and**
3. ☒ the Committee on Ethics letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒

If not, explain: _____

TRIP EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$9,744.94	\$678.00	\$399.00
For accompanying family member:	\$9,744.94		\$399.00

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:		
For accompanying family member:		

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER OR OFFICER: DATE: 4/16/2012*Version date 1/2011 by Committee on Ethics*

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Rep. Dan Burton

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

MARCH 12, 2012

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 2308 Rayburn HOB

Phone number: 202/225-2276

Email address of contact person: mark.walker@mail.house.gov

- ☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS
PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Dan Burton
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): University of Bahrain, Bahrain American Council
3. Travel destination(s): Bahrain/Doha, Qatar
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: April 1-April 8, 2012
- b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: Dr. Samia Burton
- c. Relationship to traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b. If yes, check one of the following: ☐ N/A - Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)
- (1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: ☐ or
- (2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: ☐
- If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box): ☒
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:
Senior Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
9. **FOR STAFF:**
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: _____

Signature of Employing Member

NOTE: This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

Committee on Ethics
PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Dan Burton
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Bahrain American Council
3. Travel destination(s): Bahrain/Qatar
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: April 2-8, 2012
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, dates at personal expense: April 7-8, 2012
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☒ Yes ☐ No
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: Dr. Samia Burton
c. Relationship to traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, check one of the following: ☐ N/A – Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: ☐ or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: ☐
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box): ☒
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:
Senior Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee to discuss bilateral relations in each country, visit the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet, and to speak to the University of Bahrain about current events.
9. **FOR STAFF:**
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

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**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics**

**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)**

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule XXV, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Bahrain American Council
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): Dan Burton, speaking at the University of Bahrain.
6. Dates of travel: April 2-April 8, 2012
7. Cities of departure – destination – return: Baltimore, MD--Bahrain--Doha, Qatar--
Baltimore, MD
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
9. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
 - a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐ or
 - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered: ☐
If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: N/A

11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
The mission of the Bahrain American Council is to improve US-Bahraini business relations by educating US businessmen and representatives of the Middle East.
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip:
The Honorable Congressman Dan Burton has been invited by the University of Bahrain to speak with his wife Dr. Samia Burton to improve US-Bahraini relations.
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (*i.e.*, a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted:
Business-class travel will be provided on commercial airlines due to the length of the flights from the US to the Middle East.
15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
16. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☒ *or*
 - b. The trip involves events that are arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation: ☐
- If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The speaking engagement requires travel to the University of Bahrain.
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Grand Hyatt Doha, Sheraton Bahrain Hotel
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided):
Bahrain--no more than \$272 per night; Qatar--no more than \$227
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Conveniently located to Doha Airport, The University of Bahrain, and the Bahraini government offices as appropriate.

21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$11,000	\$625	\$500
For each accompanying family member	\$11,000	\$625	\$500

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee		
For each accompanying family member		

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒

23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: AL Khalafalla

Name and title: Al Khalafalla , President

Organization: Bahrain American Council

Address: 1401 K Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: 202-241-9405

Fax number: 202-737-4097

Email Address: president@bactoday.org

The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

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The Honorable Dan Burton
U.S. House of Representatives
2308 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Qatar and Bahrain, scheduled for April 2 to 8, 2012, sponsored by the Bahrain American Council. We note that this trip includes one day at your personal expense.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$350 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$350 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Jo Bonner
Chairman

Sincerely,

Linda T. Sánchez
Ranking Member

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March 6, 2012

Hon. Congressman Dan Burton
2308 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0001

Congressman Burton,

Thank you for your continued interest in the Bahrain American Council's (BAC) goals to promote trade and business relations between the United States and Bahrain, and educate the public about the strategic importance of Bahrain.

The BAC, in cooperation with the University of Bahrain, would like to invite you on a sponsored trip to visit Qatar and Bahrain, where you will be able to experience Middle Eastern culture, and meet with influential individuals in both countries.

As part of your trip we hope that you will be willing to speak at the Qatar University and the University of Bahrain. We also hope that you will be able to visit the United States Navy's Fifth Fleet that is hosted in Bahrain, which is responsible for naval forces in the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Arabian Sea, and coast off East Africa as far south as Kenya.

Bahrain is a significant ally of the United States and is one of the few stable governments in the Middle East. Bahrain also promotes economic freedom and is an ideal location to promote international business.

Thank you again for your interest in Bahrain, and we hope that you will accept this invitation.

Sincerely,

Al Khalafalla, President

13 February 2012

The Honorable Dan Burton
United States House of Representatives
2308 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515-0001

Dear Congressman Burton

On behalf of the University of Bahrain (UOB) and the Bahrain American Council (BAC), I would like to invite you and your wife Samia, to visit Bahrain in March this year. The university and BAC are pleased to defray the cost of the visit, and we would be pleased also to cover the costs of any of your colleagues who might be interested in joining you on the visit.

University officials and BAC, will be happy to arrange for you and your delegation to meet with government officials, business leaders, and others who are interested in maintaining the strength of our bilateral relationship. We hope that this visit will provide your group with useful context and background to inform your analysis of Bahrain and regional events.

I hope you and Samia are able to visit Bahrain and speak to our students, and we welcome any other colleagues who might join you. Bahrain American Council will coordinate this visit for both of our institutions, and with any follow-up questions you may have.

I can be contacted on the following:

Email: uobpresident@admin.uob.bh
Telephone: (+973) 17 43 8200 Or
(+973) 17 43 8600

With warmest wishes

Yours sincerely


Dr Ebrahim Mohamed Janahi
President

University of Bahrain
&
Bahrain American Council
Sponsored Congressional Visit to Bahrain

Agenda
April 2-8, 2012

Monday, April 2, 2012

10:40 PM- 6:25 PM Qatar Airlines Flight QR 052—IAD to DOH

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

7:25 PM- 8:10 PM Qatar Airlines Flight QR 158—DOH to BAH

8:10PM Travel to Sheraton Bahrain Hotel
6 Palace Avenue
Manama, Bahrain
Tel: + 973 17 533533

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

10:00 AM-11:00 AM Hon. Dan Burton and Dr. Samia Burton- Speak at
University of Bahrain

11:30 AM-2:00 PM Tour University of Bahrain

2:00 PM-2:30 PM Meet with Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa,
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain

3:30 PM-4:00 PM Meet with Prince Salman bin Hamad bin Isa Al
Khalifa, Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Bahrain

5:00 PM-5:30 PM Meet with King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa
King of Kingdom of Bahrain

Thursday, April 5, 2012

9:00 AM-2:00 PM	Visit US Navy 5th Fleet
2:00 PM-4:00 PM	Dr. Samia Burton- Speak at the King Hamad Hospital to faculty and students in connection with University of Bahrain
6:00 PM- 8:00 PM	Dinner at the home of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Abdullah Al Khalifa

Friday, April 6th, 2012

10:15 AM- 11:05 AM	Qatar Airlines Flight QR 153—BAH to DOH
11:05 AM	Travel to Ritz Carlton P.O Box 23800 Doha, Qatar, State of Qatar Tel: + 974 44948000

Saturday, April 7th, 2012

Layover – no events scheduled

Sunday, April 8th, 2012

8:10 AM-3:20 PM	Qatar Airlines Flight QR 051—DOH to IAD
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P.O Box 23800
Doha, Qatar, State of Qatar
Tel: + 974 44948000

Saturday, April 7th, 2012

Layover – no events scheduled

Sunday, April 8th, 2012

- 8:10 AM-3:20 PM Qatar Airlines Flight QR 051—DOH to IAD